



The beat goes on

Ananda Lal Roy plays the tabla drums as Mihir Nag sings along. Tabla drums are used largely in India. The performance took place Friday in the Student Center Ballroom as part of UNO's week-long International Festival 1986. Earlier in the week, UNO students had the opportunity to see ethnic folk dances, Middle Eastern belly dancing and martial arts demonstrations.

—Roger Tunis

UNO students to pay increased fees during 1986/87

By SUSAN LAUGHLIN

The Student Senate voted March 6 to approve a fee increase of \$1 for full-time students and 50 cents for part-time students.

"I hope that the students realize that we're students too, and we weighed the fee increase heavily," said Jim Carter, speaker of the senate.

In addition to voting in favor of the fee increase, the senate also approved a total 1986/87 budget of \$206,271 for the seven student agencies funded by Fund A student fees.

Fund A fees are the part of the University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) which is paid upon registration, and allocated by the Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) with Student Senate and administrative approval.

In addition to the Fund A increases, recommendations have been made to increase Fund B student fees by \$4.50 for full-time students and \$2.75 for part-time students. Fund B is that part of student fees distributed by the administration among Campus Recreation, the Student Center and Co-Curricular Accounts.

If approved by Chancellor Del Weber, the increases would bring full-time student fees to

\$59.75 and part-time student fees to \$36.25.

Senate members who spoke in favor of the Fund A fee increase indicated that the action was made necessary by declining enrollment. In addition, there was concern that the senate would not be able to maintain an adequate contingency fund without the increase.

If approved by the chancellor, the 1986/87 student agency budgets will be as follows:

SPO

The Student Programming Organization (SPO) will receive a lump sum allocation of \$92,484. The agency had originally requested a budget of \$116,614.

SABC had recommended that SPO receive a budget of \$93,084 for fiscal year 1986/87. At the March 16 senate meetings, however, an additional \$600 was cut from the SPO budget. The cut was equal to the amount spent on the SPO awards banquet.

"The rationale for the cut of \$600 was that in the past Student Government has made it a general policy not to allocate funds for food," said Carter. "Also, it's a voluntary organization which is revenue producing, meaning that if they wanted the banquet they could reallocate

their budget to fund the event."

Gateway

The Gateway will receive \$52,963, which is \$2,000 more than had been recommended by SABC. The \$2,000 that was added by the senate had been removed from the Gateway request for the purchase of free-lance stories, photographs and art. SABC had recommended that the funds be removed because members felt the free-lance request was too large since it did not take into consideration articles written by the paper's editorial staff members.

Gateway News Editor Patrick Stephenson requested that the senate return the \$2,000 because the paper has already exceeded its 1985/86 free-lance budget, and, in light of this, the allocation approved by SABC for 1986/87 did not appear to be adequate.

Student Government

Student Government was allocated \$37,069 for fiscal year 1986/87. The budget includes personnel expenses of \$22,906, operating expenses of \$12,753, and operating supplies of \$1,410.

Last year, the organization received a budget of \$31,340.

Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) will receive a 1986/87 budget for \$10,118, including \$3,500 for personnel expenses, \$5,443 for operating expenses and \$1,175 for operating supplies.

International Student Services

The International Student Services (ISS) agency submitted a budget request of \$6,765 and will receive \$5,494 for the 1986/87 fiscal year.

SABC cut \$150 from the request for travel expenses because it was unclear as to how such funds would be used. Further funds were cut for contractual services, office supplies and food supplies for an open house.

Disabled Students Agency

The Disabled Students Agency (DSA) requested an operating budget of \$4,234 and was allocated \$4,134.

DSA is on probation until June 30. At that time, the agency will be reviewed by the senate and a decision will be made as to whether to continue the agency. Should the agency be dis-

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Rev. Jesse Jackson asks Omaha teens to 'say yes to life'

By ROGER TUNIS

It was like a basketball pep rally Friday as The Rev. Jesse Jackson challenged Central High



Jackson

students to say no to violence, drugs, alcohol and sex without love.

The enthusiastic crowd, estimated at about 2,000, packed the Central High School gymnasium to hear Jackson speak about self respect and the need to give life a chance in his familiar sermon-like style.

The civil rights leader, who had worked with Martin Luther King and was a 1984 presidential candidate, was in Omaha through the sponsorship of the Rainbow Coalition.

In the wake of the recent teenage suicide tragedies in Omaha, Jackson told the crowd that the problem was not unique to Omaha and that teen suicides are on the rise nation-wide.

"We must say yes to life. We must give life a chance, we must give peace a chance," Jackson shouted.

Jackson asked the students to repeat, "I am somebody."

The response was immediate.

Jackson aroused the crowd even more when he spoke of teenage pregnancies.

"We must say no to babies making babies,

You're not a man when you can make a baby, you're a man when you can raise and provide for a baby," Jackson said.

The statement brought about a roar of applause and emotional cries.

Again Jackson shouted, "You must give life a chance."

Toward the middle part of his speech, which lasted almost an hour, Jackson asked the basketball team to stand. He then asked two young men how much time they devoted each week to basketball practice and how much time they spend studying. Both players replied that they spent more time on the court than doing homework.

"My point is," Jackson said, "people do best what they do most. If you spend 15 hours a week studying you could slam-dunk a thought like you slam-dunk a basketball."

Jackson said that doing less than your best is morally wrong and urged students to work hard because they will be the leaders and decision makers of the future.

Toward the end of his speech, Jackson spoke

out against alcohol and drug abuse.

"You don't have time to trip out on drugs," he said.

"Down with dope, up with hope," Jackson then cried out.

Jackson asked students to stand if they knew others in their age group who have died from drug abuse or were jailed for taking drugs. He then asked those to stand that had taken drugs themselves. Most of the students rose to their feet. He also asked if they knew other students who had dropped out of school because of pregnancy.

"This collective association with the drug culture, liquor consumption, sex without love, suicide and violence shows that our society is in a state of trauma," Jackson said.

"We must turn to each other, not on each other," he added.

The speech and rally ended with Jackson asking students to take a pledge to give their lives a chance and to say no to what was morally wrong. The crowd, led by Jackson, chanted, "Our time is now."

Appropriations Committee looks at possible tax hike

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

A \$47.1 million general fund budget plan with a \$25 million tax increase was released Thursday.

The plan, released by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, would restore \$3.3 million to the University of Nebraska's general fund budget. If passed, NU's general fund budget would be raised to \$161.8 million. The plan also includes a 3 percent salary increase for state employees.

The university requested a budget of \$172.2 million. Gov. Robert Kerrey proposed a \$165.6 million budget for the university. In February, the Appropriations Committee recommended a \$158.5 million budget, a 2.3 decrease from the 1985-86 fiscal year budget. The committee's recommendation was based on no revenue increases.

This week, the Appropriations Committee is expected to propose an amendment that would include a series of cuts totalling \$25 million if tax increases are not passed. Chadron Sen. Sandra Scofield said she expects the Legislature to reject the amendment. Scofield said that members have demonstrated by their statements and actions in standing committees that they found the Appropriations Committee's original proposal unacceptable.

Larry Bare, state budget director, said the Appropriations Committee's budget bill "always becomes the point of reference. There are usually some changes." The Legislature may make further cuts or make additional funding, he said, but what eventually passes is "usually more or less what they (committee members) want."

Bare said that Kerrey's budget proposal is the point of reference for the Appropriations Committee. The committee's role and influence covers all areas of state government including higher education.

During the 1985 regular and special sessions, the committee's higher education proposals passed without amendment. Toward the end of the 1985 regular session, the committee recommended cuts to intercollegiate athletics and the Sheldon Art Gallery. Despite attempts to amend the bill, those cuts passed.

During the special session, the committee recommended that Kerrey's 3 percent cut from the NU and state college budgets be reduced to 2 percent. The Legislature concurred.

"We don't have the power to dictate," said Scofield. "We're only nine votes."

The committee members have strong ties to education. All have attended or graduated from institutions of higher education. Seven senators — Jerome Warner of Waverly, Lowell Johnson

of North Bend, Calvin Carsten of Avoca, James Goll of Tekamah, Shirley Marsh of Lincoln, Gary Hannibal of Omaha and Scofield — attended or graduated from NU. Hannibal is a UNO graduate.

Additionally, four of the nine live in cities or districts where Nebraska colleges or universities are located. Hannibal and Sen. Glenn Goodrich live in Omaha, home of UNO and the Medical Center. Marsh lives across town from UNL. Sen. Ray Lundy lives in Kearney, home of Kearney State College.

Scofield said members cannot always vote in the best interests of their districts. "To be an effective member of the Appropriations Committee, you can't be selfish," she said.

In November, the committee debated and voted on how much cuts to NU and the state colleges should be. The two proposals decided upon were 1½ percent and 2 percent. Due to Marsh's absence, eight members voted. According to the committee's records, the 1½ percent proposal was rejected by a 4-4 vote, with those senators in favor (Carsten, Goll, Johnson and Goodrich) opposed by Warner, Lundy, Hannibal and Scofield.

The committee then agreed to vote on the 2 percent proposal. That passed, 7-0, with Lundy present but not voting. The committee presented an almost united front (Lundy voted "no") to the Legislature when it came time to vote on the 2 percent proposal. The Legislature passed the 2 percent cuts to state colleges (28-12) and NU (28-16).

Scofield said Appropriations Committee membership "puts you in a position of some power." That position, she said, depends on how the committee is perceived by the Legislature, and lasts "as long as you're not seen as greedy. It's a fine line."

The committee's influence is so great that sometimes members are charged with manipulating public opinion by their choices of budget cuts. When the committee chose to cut intercollegiate athletics, Sheldon and three advocacy agencies, Lincoln Sen. Chris Beutler said the committee was "punishing" the Legislature by cutting "hot political items." Scofield disagrees.

"Our cuts are made in almost a coldly rational process," she said. "It may appear to make a public outcry when you cut those (popular) programs that are least essential." The role of the committee, Scofield said, is to point out options to the senators, to share information and "try to outguess them" so members can determine what is "politically do-able."

Scofield said she thinks the Legislature will probably vote for some type of revenue measures. But, she adds, this is an election year.

"This is a very difficult year to be an incumbent," she said. "If you do the right thing, you have to vote for a tax increase."

She said incumbents have to explain to constituents: "We've cut twice in a row" and the state can't absorb further cuts. But, she said, there will probably be candidates who will seize the opportunity and make an issue of any tax increase.

Senate approves fee increase

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continued, the funds will be transferred into the contingency fund and used for other purposes.

United Minority Students

The United Minority Students (UMS) agency was granted \$4,109 of its request for an operating budget of \$5,489 for 1986/87. SABC cut the agency's request for salaries

from \$2,739 to \$2,250.

Other business

In other business, the senate voted to approve the appointment of Byron Exley as the director of the DSA until June 30.

In other action, Christine Blake, chief administrative officer of the senate, announced her resignation, effective May 9. The deadline for applications to this position is April 18.

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Zeta's Active in Many Areas

By MARY BERGER

Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority had a busy semester with community and UNO activities. The Zeta's began the semester on a high note after a successful rush. ZTA's pledged a wonderful group of women that are a definite asset to their chapter.

One activity that the Zeta's were a part of was the 2nd Annual Corporate Cup Run in which members gave out water to the runners. Another function that they were involved in was helping with Casino Night which was sponsored by SPO. The Zeta's worked as dealers and served refreshments.

Zeta's are busy with service projects too. For example, along with the help of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Zeta's go bowling with the handicapped which we all really enjoy. Finally, the Zeta's participated in the UNO homecoming events, with Barb Forbes as their representative for queen.

Some other events that the Zeta's have participated in were Founder's Day which consisted of members celebrating the founding of the sorority. Also, two programs were presented to the chapter — one being on alcohol awareness and the other a hazing program.

Furthermore, the Zeta's have had two chapter social functions. One was a hayrack ride held at Shady Lanes. The second was a party with Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity with the theme being "Come As You Were," the exchange was a big success.

The Zeta's were busy fall semester, but it does not end there. They have many other community and school projects planned for the rest of the school year.

The Greek Vine is a brief overview of the happenings of the members of the fraternities and sororities at The University of Nebraska at Omaha. Only a portion of the individual organizations events are represented in this printing of The Greek Vine, however, in the future the other Greek groups will be described. The Greeks have a major goal to be more visible on campus and believed that communications such as this is a great place to start. Watch for next month's issue of The Greek Vine.

Lambda Chi Alpha

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity was founded in 1909 by Warren Albert Cole. Lambda Chi Alpha believes in four principle ideals. These ideals are loyalty, truth, courage, and industry.

Annually, Lambda Chi Alpha members are involved in philanthropy projects such as Honey Sunday and the Wheelchair Push-A-Thon. They also participate in the Easter Seals Telethon.

Their motto is, "The fraternity of honest friendship." Each year a ritual is held to inform our associate members of the significance involved in our motto.

The Lambda Chi house, which was purchased this summer, is a place for us to build a bond of brotherhood, as well as hold other social events.

Delta Sigma Theta Gives Service

By STEPHANIE PAYNE & CRYSTAL MCKINNEY

Public Service is the top priority for the sorors of Delta Sigma Theta. Stephanie Payne, president, said, "Time is set aside during each monthly meeting to plan a service project for the coming month."

Since the beginning of the school year, the Delta Sigma Theta members have implemented a canned food drive to donate goods to local food banks; participated in "Honey Sunday" honey sales for Omaha's retarded citizens, and many other projects. They also participate regularly in the government-sponsored program to distribute butter and cheese to fixed-income families.

Delta Sigma Theta rushes (or has their membership drive) in the Spring. If you are interested, please call the Office of Student Activities at 554-2711.

Sigma Kappa's Fall Activities

By TERESA GOUGER

A sorority offers four years and more of friendship, support, sisterhood, and tons of fun. Sigma Kappa has been busy sparking some of that fun and sisterhood this semester.

Sigma Kappa has already put on many social functions this semester. Oct. 5 was the hayrack ride at Shady Lanes Ranch, while Oct. 12 was the father/daughter homecoming football game. Oct. 18 was the haunted-house night at the Sweet 98 Derelict's Den. Sigma Kappa also had a "race to the finish" Pi Kappa Phi exchange on Nov. 2.

The chapter's also been busy with philanthropy projects. Sigma Kappa sent used clothing, toys and household supplies to the Maine Sea Coast Mission this Christmas. In this project, the vessel Sunbeam IV gives food, clothing and medical help to needy people living on the islands of the coast of Maine,

The Sig Ep Sing is an annual event hosted by Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Sig Ep Sing is a singing competition among the sororities and fraternities. The rules state that one must adhere to the theme, sing one required song, and three miscellaneous songs. The awards that each fraternity or sorority may win are: Spirit, Adherence to the Theme, and Best Fraternity or Sorority. Sigma Kappa was the overall sorority winner and Pi Kappa Alpha won the fraternity category. This year's theme was country & western. The event was held on November 27th at Don't Drink The Water.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is founded on three principles: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Accordingly, members strive to better themselves through academic achievements, intramurals, and social activities. The Sig Eps have increased their chapter GPA from 2.40 (approximately) to 2.65 in the last year, while completing over 1000 credit hours (far more

than any other fraternity). Forty-eight active members and 18 pledges also make the Sig Eps the largest fraternity in manpower at UNO. Intramurals play a large part in any fraternal organizations. The Sig Eps have held the IFC Sports Cup since 1979 and are well on their way to another banner year, winning football, floor hockey, track, and golf.

Social gatherings for the Sig Eps include various philanthropy projects: maintenance work on St. Vincent DePaul Housing Shelter, Honey Sunday, and the March of Dimes Haunted House. A part of any social life is the party life. The Sig Ep house, located on Park Avenue, is home for 13 members and a positive party atmosphere on weekends. The Sig Eps believe that "with the proper balance of work and play, there is no better time than that spent in the wholesome activities of fraternal life."

You Don't Need a Dictionary for Greek Week '86

By LISA NEWTON

"Any way you spell it... it's all Greek to me!" was selected for this year's theme for the Greek Week, said Teresa Gouger, co-chairman of the week. Gouger and John White will head the committee which consists of a representative from each of UNO's fraternities and sororities.

April 7-11 has been designated to celebrate Greek Week on UNO's campus. Greek Week is commemorated on most campuses throughout the nation and allows the fraternities and sororities to unite with various activities.

The Greek Week committee has planned many functions including: dunking booth, a scavenger hunt, an olympic competition, and the list of activities goes on. The last day of Greek Week there is a formal luncheon with the University of Nebraska's president, Ronald Roskens, being the keynote speaker.

"This week isn't for Greeks only," commented Pat Duffy, a Greek Week committee member, "we invite everyone to participate."

There are 14 national fraternities and sororities at UNO. They are: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Omega Psi Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Tau Gamma.

If interested in joining a fraternity or sorority, or in participating in Greek Week, call the Office of Student Activities at 554-2711.



Some of The University of Nebraska at Omaha Greek members gather in front of the Arts and Science Hall.

Alpha Xi Skit Night

On Friday, November 8, at Peony Park, the Alpha Xi pledges introduced Skit Night at 7:00 PM by singing "The Greek Bunch." The fraternities and sororities were introduced by the Alpha Xi pledges also.

The Zeta Tau Alpha pledges won three awards. The first for Overall Performance, the second for Best Spirit, and the third for Best Greek Unity. The Chi Omega pledges were picked for adherence. For the fraternities, Sigma Phi Epsilon took first place.



Chi Omega's Had Busy Fall

By LINDA HALE

The Zeta Delta Chapter of Chi Omega had a very busy and exciting fall semester. Chi Omega had three exchanges, a hay ride, and a Christmas Dance. The chapter participated in honey Sunday, a canned food drive, and sponsoring a family at Christmas. Alpha Xi skits and Sig Ep Sing are two more functions that members took part in.

Chi Omega would like to recognize a few of their outstanding members: Jaymie Rizzuto, who is Homecoming Queen and also the recipient of a Regent's Scholarship; Kelli Wees and Kyu-In Han who received two of the five Distinguished Scholarships awarded; Tammy Pietz has received an Ambassador's Scholarship; Colleen Halbur and Marilyn Blankman have received Goodrich Scholarships; and, Mary Williams, Chi Omega's president, has been nominated for Who's Who Among Student in America's Universities and Colleges and Outstanding Young Women of America.

Pi Kappa Alpha

By SHANE JOHNSON

Pi Kappa Alpha is an excellent example of the camaraderie and brotherhood that exists in a greek fraternal organization. The Pikes have had a long and prosperous history on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha since its charter date as Delta Chi chapter in 1952.

Besides the many social events that embody the spirit of Pi Kappa Alpha, the fraternity is also active in many intramural sports, and in several philanthropy projects such as Honey Sunday, fundraising drives for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and donations to various state and local charities and food banks.

The responsibilities involved in participating in Pike functions are another source that draws the men of Delta Chi chapter together to form fraternal bonds that will last a lifetime.

What's Next

The Omaha Central America Caucus has announced events for Central America Week, March 16-24:

Ray Bonner, correspondent for the *New York Times*, will speak on "Central America in Turmoil," at Rigge Hall, on the Creighton campus, Tuesday, March 18, at 8 p.m.

Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, will speak on immigration at the Eppley Auditorium, on the UNO campus, Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

"A fiesta of food, fun and Central American culture" will be held at the Antiquarium Bookstore, 1215 Harney, Friday, March 21, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Virginia Druhe, long-term Witness for Peace delegate, kidnapped by the Contras in August 1985, will speak at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m.

The Central America/South Africa connections will be the topic of the Omaha Coalition Against Apartheid at the First Unitarian Church, Sunday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m.

A prayer service commemorating Archbishop Romero of El Salvador will be held at Saint John's Church, on the Creighton campus, Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact Nebraskans for Peace, at 348-1074.

History conference

The 29th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference (MVHC) will convene tomorrow at 9 a.m., at the Ramada Inn Central, 72nd and Grover Streets.

The three-day conference will feature speakers from around the country and Canada presenting a variety of seminars.

Marian Nelson, assistant history professor at UNO and program coordinator, said addresses by Glenda Riley, of the University of Northern Iowa; Herbert T. Hoover, of the University of South Dakota; and James M. Skinner, of Brandon University in Canada, to be of special interest.

Riley will speak on "Some Reflections on Twenty Years of Women's History," Friday at 1 p.m. Hoover will present "The Role of Sites in the History of Indian-White Relations: The Yankton-Sioux Experience," tomorrow at 1 p.m. The Canadian historian, Skinner, will present "Know Your Enemy — Japan," tomorrow at 7:45 p.m.

There is a pre-registration fee of \$15, or \$18 at the door. Student participants can pre-register for \$5, or \$7 at the door. One-day registration fees of \$2 for students and \$5 general admission will also be available. The MVHC is sponsored by UNO.

Arts and crafts

The UNO Women's Resource Center will be sponsoring the Arts and Crafts Spring Festival, March 17 and 18.

The festival will feature 25 craftspeople selling a variety of different items. It will be held in the Student Center Ballroom, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free fiction

Fiction writer Rick DeMarinis will give a reading from his work Monday, March 17 at 8 p.m., in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Room 105.

DeMarinis is the author of four novels, *A Lovely Monster*, *Scimitar*, *Cinder*, and *The Burning of Far Cry*, as well as *Jack and Jill*, a collection of stories and two novellas.

His short fiction has appeared in such magazines as *Esquire*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *The Iowa Review*. DeMarinis' work has also been anthologized in several anthologies, including *Best American Short Stories*, *Best Little Magazine Fiction*, and *All Our Secrets Are the Same: New Fiction From Esquire*.

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DeMarinis' reading is sponsored by the UNO Writer's Workshop and the College of Fine Arts. During his visit to UNO, DeMarinis will conduct a fiction workshop on Tuesday, March 18, at 6 p.m., in Arts and Sciences Hall Room 308.

Both activities are open to the public and free of charge, and are supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Chancellor's Commission

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women (CCSW) will hold its next meeting on March 20, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center State Room. CCSW observes the open meetings rule and members of the university community are invited to attend.

St. Patrick's dance

Holy Name Church will host its Annual St. Patrick's Dance on Sunday, March 16.

The County Corkers, the Omaha Pipes and Drums and the Mary Howard Dancers will provide Irish entertainment. The event is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. in the church cafeteria, located on the corner of Fontenelle Boulevard and Maple Streets.

Admission is \$5. Food and drink will be available.

Jump rope for heart

Teams are now being sought to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart. Teams consisting of no more than six members each will jump rope to raise money for the American Heart Association.

The event will be held Saturday, April 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the HPER Building. Team and individual prizes will be awarded. Everyone gets a jump rope.

For more information or to register, call 554-2573.

Student Ambassadors

Applications for the 1986/87 Student Ambassador program are now being accepted. Twelve students will be selected to act as official hosts and hostesses at university functions throughout the school year.

Student Ambassadors will receive a \$100 annual scholarship. Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for the program: they must be a full-time student, have a GPA of 2.5 or above, have 27 academic credit hours completed by May, and must plan to be a full-time student until May 1987.

Application forms may be obtained at the Student Activities Office, Student Center, Eppley 111, Eppley 211. For further information, call Terry Forman, 554-2711.

Slide presentation

"Czechoslovakia: Its Present and Past" will be the topic of a slide presentation Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the University Library Room 205. The program will be preceded by refreshments at 7 p.m.

The presentation will be given by Karel Kucera, a visiting Fulbright Scholar from Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Kucera is currently teaching courses in Czech language and culture at UNO.

Moving Company

Choreographer/filmmaker Victoria Marks will give a premiere performance with the UNO Moving Company at the University

Theater, in the Arts and Sciences Hall, at 8 p.m. on Saturday and again at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets for the Victoria Marks and Moving Company performance are \$4 general admission and \$2 for senior citizens and students with a UNO I.D.

Apartheid

The International Affairs Committee will sponsor a panel discussion on Apartheid, Tuesday, March 18, at 1:15 p.m., in the University Library Room 205.

Panelists will include Daniel Boamah-Wiafe, Alonso Smith and Pam Wren. Each panelist will deliver a 15 minute presentation.

Boamah-Wiafe, an assistant professor of black studies at UNO, will discuss the roots of Apartheid in South Africa. Smith, also an assistant professor of black studies at UNO, will discuss U.S. reactions to Apartheid. Wren, a civil rights activist, will discuss the current situation in South Africa.

The event is free and open to the public.

Living with cancer

Cancer patients and their families can discuss the problems and concerns of living with cancer at a series of support sessions scheduled at Bergan Mercy.

The on-going sessions will be held Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Outpatient Oncology Unit on 5 South in the hospital. The sessions are designed to help cancer patients and their families develop their own strengths in living with cancer.

There is no cost for the sessions. For more information, contact a staff member at the Outpatient Oncology Unit, 398-6571.

Numero UNO

Want to improve your communications skills? Numero UNO, UNO's chapter of Toastmasters, meets every Tuesday in one of the third floor conference rooms of the Student Center. The informal meetings allow faculty, staff and students to practice and enhance their speaking abilities.

Used book sale

Temple Israel will be holding its annual used book sale at the Regency Fashion Court, March 16-19. The hours of the event will be Sunday noon to 5 p.m., and Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wrongful discharge

A workshop, "Wrongful Discharge and Employment-at-Will," will be held Thursday, March 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 13th and Farnam.

The workshop, offered by the UNO College of Continuing Studies, will explore the erosion of the employment-at-will doctrine in the courts and set forth preventive measures to avoid possible liability.

The workshop is designed to provide an understanding of the various exceptions currently being made in the doctrine, which holds that an employer may terminate an employee for any or no reason. The program is designed for supervisors, managers, foremen or others responsible for hiring and firing employees.

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Dogmas should not be part of our logic

Many traditional Black politicians refuse to debate real issues in our community. Namely, because under their thin veneer is chaff. What is missing in our country is a significant understanding of socialism.

It is possible to be a cultural nationalist and yet be emphatic toward "Marxist" views and still retain the concept of traditional African socialism. If one reads a great deal of African history, it is easy to infer that Africans were and are socialists before Karl Marx appeared on the scene. The reason many Blacks avoid this labelling is because many traditional white "Marxists" are also racist. Most Black Marxists often overlook or sidestep this issue. Black and white workers have not historically joined ranks, because of this important factor — racism.

When one reads some of Marx's concepts, it is apparent that he never really dealt with racism. Even the degree of some of his degenerate remarks made about Blacks reflect his paradox. However, like all good theories, we can extract that which is

useful and discard the rest. Dogmas should not be a part of our logic.

That many Blacks are not dealing with, and ashamed of, poor people reflects a degree of hostile attitude about the undercaste. This also reflects the mentality of many so-called super-Black individuals. Often they look like a bourgeoisie, dress like a capitalist, and act like an oppressor and smell like a parasite. This illustrates why Blacks must not fall for that same old collaborator trick. They come out only at night (more frequently during Black History month) and "pass" during the day. I have come to see them as bonafide Uncle Toms.

Many Blacks believe that the greatest gift a person can give to oppressed folks is to pick up the sword and mantle and fight along side the oppressed. To merely give lip service is similar to "pissing in the wind." Folks who do that are akin to people who will have us worshiping the deeds or tombs of dead people, while ignoring the living. America is able to create many brain-dead individuals in this dying country.

It is humorous, yet sad, to have stark images of the Negroes sitting on Cadillac hoods. These Negroes are about as useful to our communities as a tick is to a cow. Under the new guise of dealing with the pathological conditions in our communities, they dress in sheep's clothing and walk through our communities as preachers, teachers and the new breed of social workers.

We now have the archtypes of Jonas Savimbi-Clerence M. Pendleton Jr., -super-Chief Buthelezi, -Bishop Muzorewa, and the rest of Mayor GoodBoy suck-butt Toms. Under the present administration, they are a dime a hundred.

Our goal must be to expose their buttocks at all cost. For if we don't, then the disease of Tomites will continue to run unabated.

I am reminded of the little boy asking his mother: "Mama, where do little Uncle Toms come from?" Her reply was: "They come from Big Uncle Toms." I can just hear Willie Nelson singing: "Mama don't raise your boys to be Uncle Toms."

A'Jamal Rashad Byndon

Letters

You have to seek to find

To the Editor:

As teachers often tell us, it's better to go with one's first impression as this is usually the correct one. Illness, death and suffering in general originated as a result of, not necessarily punishment for man's free choice to disobey God. (Genesis 3) There have been no design flaws left uncorrected by the Grand Engineer. (Exodus 4:11) Your religious training apparently didn't include John 9:1-12. This passage clearly teaches that illness is not merely to inflict punishment or humiliation and, although I don't claim to know the reason for every specific illness since the beginning of time, I'm certainly in no position to conclude that there is none, and neither are you.

The answers to many of your questions are in the Bible, but you have got to seek to find. Is it intellectually honest to reject the Bible without serious consideration as a presupposition of your materialism, and then pretend to be concerned with the truth?

I have a very dear friend who has cerebral palsy. He knows that God loves him and believes that God works all things together for good for those who trust Him. (Romans 8:28) You perhaps think of my friend as a fool to be pitied, but if you want to know who is to be pitied, look in the mirror.

Is it true that we are only "organic machinery," the "human machine," or is this just the logical conclusion of your ugly individualistic philosophy? There are none so blind as those who will not see, and none so pitiful. My friend, Billy, realizes that he has more to fear from your materialist world view which sees the handicapped as a horrid, pitiful mistake (no doubt to be corrected by man via abortion, infanticide and euthanasia) than from real Christianity which views them as men and women created in the image of God, to be loved, understood, helped in any practical way possible, and accepted as God accepts us. (James 1:27; 2:15-17; Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38; Matthew 11:5)

Kevin Carney
UNO Student

For a job well done

To the Editor:

So many times at this university I see the work of volunteers go unnoticed. It is my intention in this letter, therefore, to inform you of the excellent service done for the University of Nebraska at Omaha by its Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) members.

The members were as follows: the student senators, Mike Drelicharz, Paul Hays, Joe Kerrigan, and R. L. Kerrigan; the faculty members,

David Branco, Jeff Luke, and Marshall Gaebel.

Also, the thanks would not be complete without recognition of the commission's non-voting members, Joel Zarr, Robert Gibson, and the recording secretary, Karen Faller. They taught me an important lesson; one can talk very little, but offer still large amounts of advice and information.

Greg R. Gunderson
Chairperson, SABC

Thanks for the support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the UNO Team which participated in the National Intercollegiate Mock-Trial Tournament at Drake University February 21-22, 1986, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the UNO Student Government which largely funded our trip to Des Moines. Due to their generosity, our lodging and travel were covered, leaving only a few meals to be paid for out of our pocket. Though our team did not win the tournament, it graded our team very highly and — most important — it was a tremendous learning experience for these pre-law students.

We are also grateful to Pi Gamma Mu, the

national social science honorary, for sponsoring us and to Associate Dean Gordon Hansen and Vice-Chancellor Richard Hoover for their encouragement.

To the team members — Jim Bitzes (History), Roxanne Blackman (Criminal Justice), Richard Davis (Political Science), Susan Laughlin (Journalism), John Majorek (Political Science), John Nimmer (Public Administration), Tom Wilcox (Political Science) and Tammara Wray (Political Science) — let me express publicly how proud I am of your achievement. I have never seen a group of students work harder than you did and achieve so much in such a short period of time.

Finally, let me express the team's gratitude to Michael Goodwillie, our attorney-coach who labored so diligently to prepare our team for the competition, and to Craig Ongley, Schmid, Ford, Mooney and Frederick, who served as the judge in our dress rehearsal. Our thanks also to Tim Fitzgerald, University Relations, and to Professor Paul Borge, for publicizing our trip on "UNO Scene."

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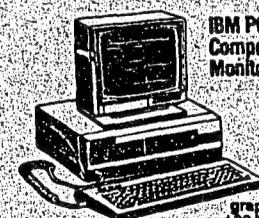
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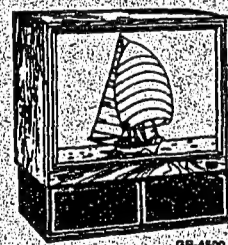
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Is it immoral to take pride in the work one is born to?

Blood. Automobile accidents. Poisonous spiders. Burning high-rises. The Elephant Man.

These are just a few, a very few, of the things people are apt to regard with something called "horrid fascination." The list of macabre objects and events humans will slow down for, stand in anxious crowds to view, tell stories about over camp fires, and otherwise gawk at in rapt and expectant disgust is long... longer than humans would like to admit.

I've just found another of these revoltingly attractive things to add to my personal list. They're the boys from the Marine Corps' Scout Sniper Instruction School, and they have the same effect on me as seeing an adult male grizzly eat its young.

The March 9 *World-Herald* carried a story by Philip Smith on these hunters of humans titled "Marines Seek a Few Good Snipers." Smith seemed to share the spirit of horrid fascination in describing his subjects, depicting them at once as tools of warfare "invaluable for light-infantry maneuvering" and as men who can "watch people die" with enough detachment to "sit on the porch and whittle a stick all day." Chills, I've got chills.

Smith uses all the mechanisms humans are capable of to separate his undeniable fascination from what he feels should be his utter disgust. He takes pains to describe the office of Lt. Col. David Willis, commander of the sniper training battalion, right down to the movie poster of John Wayne on the wall and the German shepherd named Bruno under the desk.

He re-tells the tale of Carlos Hathcock, who took three days

to move 1,500 yards into position for a kill in Vietnam, relieving himself in his pants and staring down bamboo vipers. This after listening to Willis critique the film *Rambo* as he "fires a round of tobacco juice into the wastebasket."

What exactly Smith found fascinating about these men only Smith can say. My own fascination, however, is easier to pinpoint. These are men, human beings, who train diligently to kill other men in the most economical fashion possible. The motto of the school is "One shot. One kill." Training officer Capt. Steven L. Walsh calls it "a specialty, like flight school. The bottom line is to kill people."

They take pride in their vocation. They have their own rites of passage in training, culminating in the hand-sewing of their own presumably personalized and individual suits of camouflage. They have a weapon of choice, the M40-A1, made on the training grounds. They strive to be the best at their job, and their job is killing... cleanly, instantly, without waste or hesitation.

I wonder who these men were before they chose to be the best killers they could be. Who are their friends? What do their families think of their line of work? What do they do to unwind after a hard day in the killing field? Apparently some of them whittle all day on their front porches, but do the rest of them go bowling? Do they have a beer and listen to the radio? Do they go fishing, or hunt perhaps?

And just what do they think about while they do their work? The amount of concentration necessary to kill a man behind his

own lines and return without being discovered and killed themselves has to be incredible. What's the pay-off? Do they look forward to the kill as an artist looks forward to the completion of a painting or a carpenter anticipates finishing a beautiful piece of furniture?

"The fact that humans kill other humans is not particularly novel or astounding to the race as a whole. If it were, we could hope there would be much less of it. It is the way the killing is accomplished and the type of people who perform the function that fascinates."

To speak of the morality of killing in certain circumstances is superfluous... taking life is the means of sustaining life for many species. Do these men feel they are providing sustenance for themselves and their families with the money they receive for doing their jobs? Do they conceive of themselves protecting their mates and territory with their consummate professionalism in taking life?

One may as well speculate on the morality of a cobra, and these men remind me of nothing more than silent, deadly snakes, perfectly suited for the swift dispatch of their prey. The difference is, a cobra is born a killer. It enters life equipped for its mission. At some point, these men had to decide to undertake the training that would make them what they are, unless, and this is what fascinates and revolts me more than anything, *unless they, too, were born to it.*

—DAN PRESCHER

Neurotica by Karen Nelson

Yup, I got the fever

Spring fever. I have it, and I don't care who knows it.

Fess up, now. You're as familiar with the symptoms as I am. Indeed, you probably *have* most of the symptoms — terminal daydreaming, lack of desire to do anything other than sit around and smile (careful — this is often confused with being stoned), and the tendency to use anything, no matter how trivial, as an excuse to go outside.

Spring fever is at its worst now, when the weather still changes from below zero to shirt-sleeve temps at the drop of a mitten. Even though most of us know that today's 60 degree weather could turn into a blizzard tomorrow, we tend to adjust to the warm weather quickly and feel twice as cold when we have to dig out the thermal undies the next day. As I wrote this, it was 77 degrees; by the time you read this today, we could all be buried under 10 feet of snow.

Most of my daydreams have centered around spring break, even though it doesn't start for another 10 days or so. For once, I had made plans, after a fashion. If my money held out and the Internal Revenue came through with my tax refund in time, I would go to Iowa City to visit a friend. If not, I would postpone my visit until May.

Since I'm not usually this organized, I felt

pretty good — OK, a little smug. Then, I asked other people what they planned to do over spring break.

"Go to Padre Island," a typical response went. "Oh, I've got relatives in Fort Lauderdale, so I might go up there a few days and party," another said. Boulder, Colo.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Mexico; Hawaii; the list went on. It was obvious that most people's daydreams were more advanced than mine. When one acquaintance said he was planning to drop out of school and bum around France for six months or until he met Catherine Deneuve, whichever came first, I knew I had to daydream on a much higher level.

Heck, while I'm at it, I might as well daydream a whole new life. Why stop with fantasies about the ideal vacation?

Let's see. The first thing I'm going to do is move someplace warm all year round. New Mexico might be nice. Then, I'm going to get a job on a weekly paper in Albuquerque, maybe something like the *Village Voice* (you think there are papers like the *Village Voice* in New Mexico? Oh, there must be. Besides, it's my daydream). Of course, I'll get to write on any subject I want.

During my spare time, I'll travel around the world, maybe write a book or two. I'll live in

one of those older neighborhoods, you know, the type that attracts artists and writers...

I felt a hand on my shoulder. "Karen? Hey, Karen, you awake?" I looked up from the typewriter and saw Dan. "C'mon, Karen, what are you doing? We've got a paper to put out."

So much for daydreaming. Spring fever or no spring fever, reality goes on.

How to catch a man, part two: The World-Herald is apparently going to make a career out of helping us desperate women find that perfect guy. Sunday's Living Today section gives us girls the inspirational story of a Detroit supermarket that holds "singles night" once a month.

"The 50 or so singles munched on hors d'oeuvres and sipped pop as they cruised the aisles searching for groceries and a possible new romance," according to the story. "Michelle Cooper of Detroit boasted that her method of meeting men at the market was simple.

"Hit his basket," she said. "Hit him by the oysters, the olives, the wine, the cheese. You stay away from the Pampers, the baby food.

But your eyes. If it's the right person, ask: Would you like to come over for a drink? It's the least I can do for hitting you."

That's strange. Whenever I go to the su-

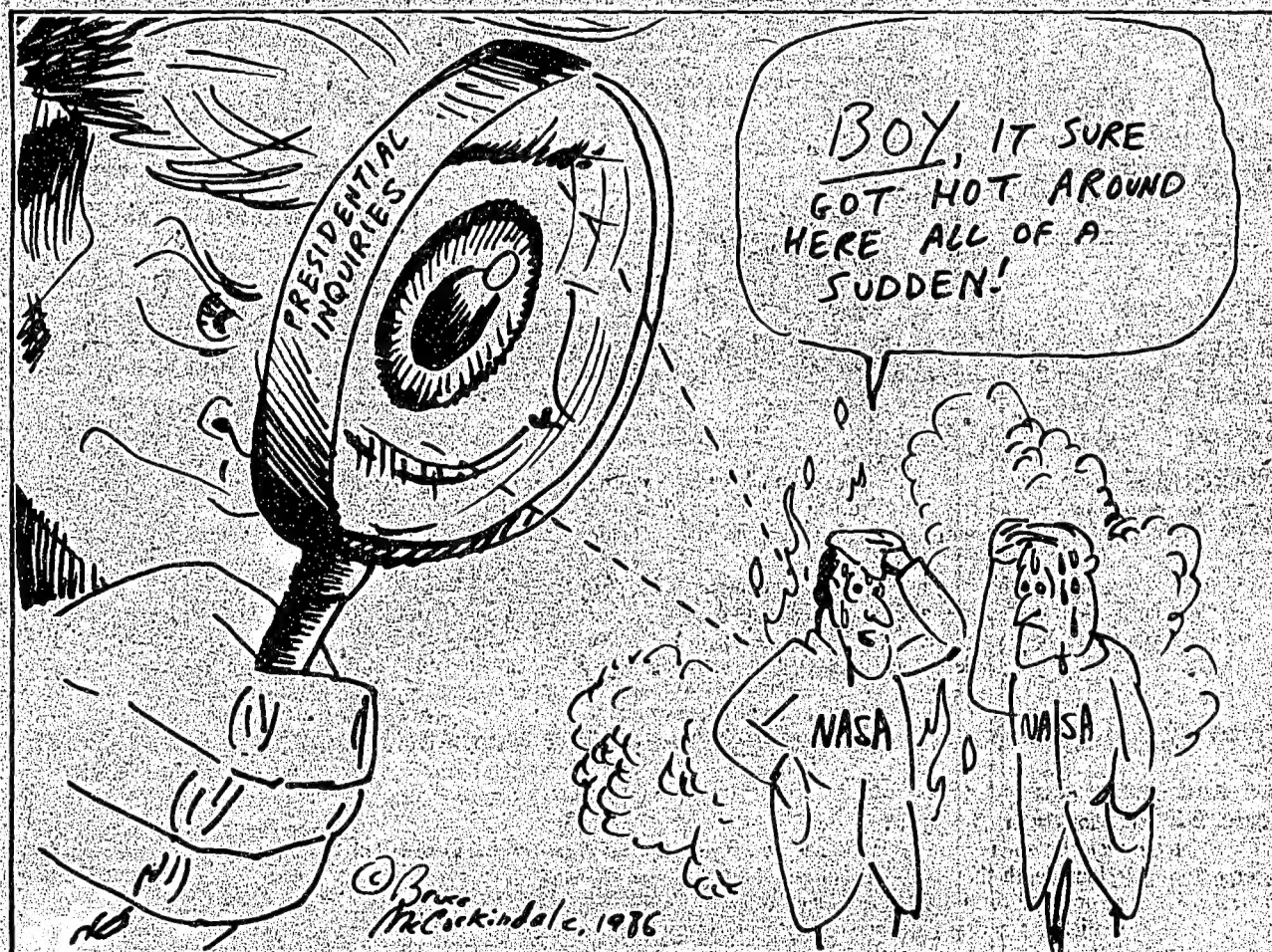
permarket, the only things I pick up are items like cheese, bread, juice and cookies. If I ran into a guy with my basket, he'd sue. Furthermore, going to the supermarket with someone else puts you at a definite disadvantage. If you shop for more than one person, you'll never be able to use the express lane again.

You're supposed to be honored, baby so shut up and scrub that floor: Saturday was International Women's Day in the Soviet Union. The day was celebrated with flowers, parties, film clips of women working in factories — and a televised housecleaning contest called *Let's Go, Girls*.

"At one point in the hour-long program, the women raced the clock to vacuum confetti off the floor, losing a point for each piece left behind," according to the story in Sunday's *World-Herald*. "Other events involved singing, dancing and showing knowledge of how to protect their hands while peeling potatoes or cooking fish." Wow.

Oh, yes — the United States was also attacked for denying women equal rights.

No doubt about it, no matter what part of the world women live in, we've come a long way, baby. Either that, or we've been going in circles all this time.



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Op Ed



John Malnack II

Anyone have a tank I could borrow? I only want it for one day . . . to drive on Omaha streets.

When an Omahan must drive this city's streets in the course of his job, as yours truly must, one quickly becomes an expert of sorts concerning the innumerable transgressions committed by many Omaha-area motorists.

I've driven extensively in all but three states west of the Mississippi River and in some states east of that waterway. With the possible exception of Las Vegas, Nev., where I once lived, I've never run into (figuratively speaking) as many poor drivers as I have in Omaha. There are a whole lotta lousy drivers in this metro area.

To illustrate, what follows are just a few of the most annoying and blatant offenses, both inadvertent and intentional, that I have encountered on local byways.

- Topping my list are the motorists who never seem to use their turn signals. These drivers have no conception of courtesy on the road; they seldom or never signal when changing lanes (usually abruptly), let alone when they turn corners. I've come to the conclusion that these drivers promptly removed and trashed the turn-signal stalk, usually found on the left side of the steering column, as soon as they bought their cars.

- Almost as irritating as the I-won't-use-my-turn-signals fraternity are the daydreamers who wait until it's too late before signalling their intentions. This breed must derive some sort of perverse pleasure from delaying as many other motorists as possible.

Daydreamers specialize in waiting for a red light on a four-lane, two-way street, at an intersection without a left-turn arrow (beginning to get the picture?), during morning rush hours.

I can hang the fuzzy dice on the barrel

When the light finally turns green, the daydreamer suddenly remembers that he wants to turn left . . . which he does . . . after oncoming traffic ceases . . . by which time the light usually has changed back to red. Too bad for those drivers behind the daydreamer who didn't suspect he would turn left.

- Another dandy frequently found on Omaha streets is the always-in-a-hurry driver; this guy often runs red lights, but he doesn't run them blatantly like a speeder or a drunk. The always-in-a-hurry driver violates red lights subtly, with a certain unique finesse: he will inch his car forward at red lights. Finally it seems as though the red light simply lasts too long to suit this driver, whereupon he proceeds through the intersection (he might or might not check for perpendicular traffic) just before the light turns green. One usually meets this same hurried driver at the next red light.

- Then there's the screaming yellow zonker, to whom a yellow light means: Step on the gas! If the yellow zonker cannot make it through the intersection before the light has been red for a few seconds, he becomes very frustrated, often turning into the always-hurried driver who finally sneaks through the red light.

I've never witnessed a collision between a screaming yellow zonker and a hurried driver who tried to sneak through a red light, but I imagine it would be a motoring version of *Frankenstein Meets the Werewolf*; it also would be poetic justice of the road.

- And it's always interesting when one must share the street with someone who never head of periodically inspecting one's vehicle to make sure such relatively unimportant features as turn signals and brake lights are working properly. Murphy's Law dictates that these drivers do everything abruptly.

Perhaps some people reading this commentary fit one or more of the foregoing categories. You know who you are: the drivers who motor on down the road in their own little worlds, oblivious to those drivers around them; the motorists who drive as though they owe nothing to their fellow motorists; indeed, these folks drive as if they *own* the road.

One automobile manufacturer whose advertisements I usually enjoy is BMW, one of my favorite marques. I remember some years ago a BMW magazine ad that said BMWs are made for those who believe driving is "a two-hands affair that should be grasped firmly, taken seriously and done well." There must not be many BMW drivers in Omaha.

Another memorable BMW (television) ad was done with the camera mounted behind the steering wheel of a BMW that negotiated a hair-raising 30-second drive (e.g., a car suddenly back-ign out of a blind driveway). The narrator then said that a surefooted BMW "allows those who take driving seriously to peacefully coexist with those who don't."

Well, with all due respect to Bayerische Motoren Werke, I think I need something a bit more intimidating than an automobile when I sally forth to run the daily gauntlet of Omaha drivers. I want that tank; a stout and ambulatory Sherman or a state-of-the-art West German Leopard would do nicely. As Moses, with his rod and God's help parted the waters of the Red Sea, so I, with my tank, would be afforded a wide berth by all those "other guys." And maybe I'd get the chance for a little sweet revenge too. After all, in this city I shouldn't have to wait too long before someone is stupid and foolhardy enough to cut in front of a tank without so much as signalling . . .



Jeffrey A. Kallman

Senator John DeCamp of Neligh has been fighting a battle or two of late to bring Initiative 300 to a boil, at least, at most, to its knees. You know Initiative 300: it is the one which constitutionalizes the eternity of the family farm against such pestilential agents as reality. If Senator DeCamp had his way, I-300 would be rewritten or repealed outright.

Rotsa ruck, Senator: Bucking the Will Of The People, once it has been granted such license as is granted by Nebraska's constitution, guarantees as much safety as that which boxing gloves twice guaranteed Floyd Patterson against Sonny Liston. Still, DeCamp's determination carries with it an attractive lilt.

It is the lilt of a man who understands statecraft, at any level of government, often requires placing a stop sign athwart the Will Of The People, when their passions and fancies permit foolishness to overrule sense and order. That will not bring aid and comfort to those reared to receive democracy as sacred revelation, but statecraft is not concerned with dropping immediate comfort into one's lap.

Nor is statecraft intended to massage paranoia among particular blocs: It was a particular

strain of paranoia, after all, which brought I-300 to life in the first place. The voters of 1982, as DeCamp has pointed out, saw nothing but the "big bold language" of the initiative, written to amplify the corporate bogeyman and for no other purpose. Language such as that has little or nothing to do with reality. But elections today are governed by fear as often as they are by interests; in fact, the distinction frequently becomes obscure.

About what was there such fear as to create and install I-300? Why, nothing less than the erosion of the family farm. One had the impression the entire family farm fraternity was about to go right down the chute, never to return, unless I-300 was put in place to keep the boardroom coyotes from overrunning Momma and Poppa's birthright, as though simply raising the fences would have prevented other agents of fortune from paying a call.

To hear the ideologues crowing, one had the idea every last family farmer faced oblivion. And, in due course, one heard in hand that chorus which wondered how farmers were going to get the cabbage for next year's planting, rather than how they were going to raise the lettuce

for retiring their debts, if they were in debt.

What one did not hear was the plain truth, by which I mean an average of, say, 5 percent of American farmers are likely to fail per year at present, as opposed to the 15+ percent claimed by the farm advocacy. Nor did the farm advocacy enunciate a more compelling truth: that the sort of thing represented by I-300 is much the sort of thing which contributed to the farm troubles in the first place.

"Failing farmers deserve compassion," Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois has written, "but compassion without reason leads to disaster." (Farm advocates) recently proposed [this was written in 1985] that farmers overburdened with debt be "helped" by loaning them even more money, though very few people have ever borrowed their way out of debt. They proposed moratoria on farm foreclosures, which, if passed, would surely finish the job of drying up credit to farmers. Would a banker lend money with no security for repayment? They proposed that corporations and foreigners be prohibited from buying farmland. *This would only lessen demand, lower values, and exacerbate the downward spiral in land values that makes*

it difficult for farmers to borrow money . . . sympathy must not obscure the fact that the very policies demanded by those who claim to be the farmers' champions are in fact the cause of the alarming decline of American agriculture over the past decade.

Mrs. T. F. Leonard, a Michigan farm wife and freelance writer, has illustrated the point of earning one's birthrights, even on the farm, and reminds her fellow farmers of such things as economic reality and human culpability. "The unpalatable truth," she writes, "is that many farmers . . . are being foreclosed upon for loans they never should have taken out in the first place. Billions of dollars' worth of emergency loans have been made, to no avail. A good housecleaning is long overdue out here in the heartland, and (government) cannot afford to postpone the day of reckoning any longer."

Postponing the day of reckoning, really, is the function of devices such as I-300. But Senator DeCamp understands postponement and cancellation are two very different things. So, one dares suggest, do the majority of American farmers, away from the hysteria of the mob and the politics of paranoia.

Congress will be brilliant at finding off-budget fiddles

Washington — The Senate is trying again to put up a facade of getting serious about the gigantic federal deficits by trotting out the ultimate sham — the constitutional amendment to mandate a balanced budget.

Four years ago, when their troops also faced a tough off-year election, the Republicans in charge of the Senate went through a similar misguided exercise. They would mutilate the Constitution to include an accounting straitjacket among its historic, fundamental principles, rather than actually cast the painful votes necessary to reduce the budget.

In fact, they would rather do anything to put off the day of reckoning when they must raise taxes or cut federal benefits deeply and offend the constituents who will be hurt. They profoundly demonstrated the truth of that by embracing the draconian Gramm-Rudman-Hollings experiment, partially passing the buck to an automatic cleaver last year.

In 1982, the Senate approved a balanced budget amendment, for which the president makes a pitch every year, but the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives declined to go along. The Senate now wants to produce a fresh voting record on behalf of the amendment, for continued GOP control of that body is very much in doubt this year. It is hoped that campaign commercials trumpeting this brave gesture will distract voters from incumbents' failure to match rhetoric with tough decisions on the real issues.

The Senate is planning to bring up soon a simplistic amendment that would insert in the Constitution the requirement for a balanced budget, except in time of war. In its present version, it would make no exceptions for recessions, natural disasters or other economic complications.

Sen. Dan Evans, R-Wash., is quite rightly appalled at this

charade. He fears that the amendment is so "devoid of detail" that it will require decades of litigation challenging various technical dodges and applications to specific economic conditions, conceding too much budgetary control to the Judiciary branch. "It is neither responsible economics nor responsible politics," he said recently. "And it is a marriage from which we cannot get a divorce."

But other Republican senators at a Monday luncheon professed to be highly enthusiastic about putting a balanced budget concept in constitutional concrete. Whip Alan Simpson of Wyoming noted, "I don't see how anybody can stop it . . . It may lack detail, but nobody will have any trouble reading it."

"People do want us to address the budget situation," said Sen. Warren Rudman of New Hampshire, who used the same argument in ramming through Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, which he co-sponsored.

The problem, of course, is that a constitutional amendment doesn't really address budget priorities at all. Congress, and the president for that matter, have been perfectly free all along to deal with the deficits and have failed, because it is politically difficult.

It won't work. Because an amendment makes the problem no easier, it will inevitably lead to massive lying and cheating and a further decline of congressional credibility. It is safe to predict that Congress will be absolutely brilliant at creating ways to circumvent its restrictions with off-budget fiddles.

And the debate over the amendment thus far has not even considered in any serious depth the basic question of whether a balanced budget, as opposed to merely substantially reduced deficits, is really essential to a healthy economy. Obviously the current deficits, running at \$200 billion a year, are too high

Many economists feel that a balanced budget would create a recession and that small deficits are not necessarily bad.

As public figures have their institutions in this political city, so do journalists. One of the most enduring, though unofficial, is the breakfast press conference presided over by *Christian Science Monitor* columnist Godfrey Sperling Jr., which has been going on for 20 years.

This twice-weekly affair, irreverently called the Budge Breakfast by insiders after Sperling's nickname, provides food for thought at an early morning hour by serving up some politician or other to be grilled by sleepy-eyed journalists. Sperling celebrated the anniversary of his creation with his 1,853rd breakfast Monday, a special event attended by several speakers and a crowded roomful of reporters.

Sperling recalled some of his better breakfasts, including one that featured novice California Gov. Ronald Reagan making one of his first appearances in Washington. Reagan combed his neatly groomed hair repeatedly as he waited for the reporters to gather, even smoothing it down in a mirror in the corridor. An aide told Sperling that the excessive combing was due to Reagan's nervousness at meeting the national press corps.

There was also the time that former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter came to breakfast to peddle his presidential prospects. Afterward, Sperling contends, reporters wisely shook their heads and declared Carter "not forceful enough" to make it to the White House.

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—MARIANNE MEANS

Looking for a job? Check out Career Placement Services

By ROGER SIMONSEN

If you've been going to college for four or five years and still haven't a clue as to what you're going to do after graduation, take heart — you're not alone. However, if you are the type of student who would like to find a job somewhere other than the local malt shop, it may be time to check out the UNO Career Placement Services (CPS).

Bob Gibson, CPS director, believes the university's job-finding service can be a tremendous aid for students who aren't quite sure what kind of work they're looking for.

"Too often students don't get involved in what they want to do," said Gibson. "They may think they know everything about a particular job, but probably, they don't."

Gibson, who formerly taught career development courses at UNO, used to require his students to go out into the field they were interested in and interview someone who already held a job in that area. He still believes that it's a technique students should use to weigh the good and bad aspects of a particular job.

Gibson said he does not want anyone to think CPS will get anyone a job without students making their own substantial efforts. "I never get a job for anyone," he said. "I'll send you to the place, and help out with interviewing techniques, and give advice on what to put in your resume, but in the end it's the student that has to go out there and get the job."

Approximately 1,000 students are registered in the CPS program. CPS offers two major programs to students looking for job interviews — on-campus interviewing and job referrals.

In an on-campus interview, students talk to representatives of larger corporations who come to UNO to recruit entry-level employees. About 90 percent of the recruiters who ask for students in a particular area of study want someone from the College of Business Administration. Gibson said he has heard some complaints from non-business majors.

"A lot of that is true," said Gibson. "But one of our main goals in the coming year is

to look for companies who are specifically interested in students that have Arts and Sciences or Fine Arts degrees."

Gibson said he would like to see students in all colleges take advantage of the other major program offered by CPS — the referral program. Through the referral process, businesses send notices to CPS about job openings they will be interviewing for. In turn, students can check the listings and see if any of the jobs interest them.

"A lot of students don't even know about the referral system," said Gibson. "UNO will send out a student's resume to the company... and we will also try to help students if they'd like to set up an interview."

If students need to learn more about job-hunting skills, CPS offers help. "We can't change a personality," said Gibson, "but we can talk to students about communication. We talk to recruiters all the time to find out what they are looking for."

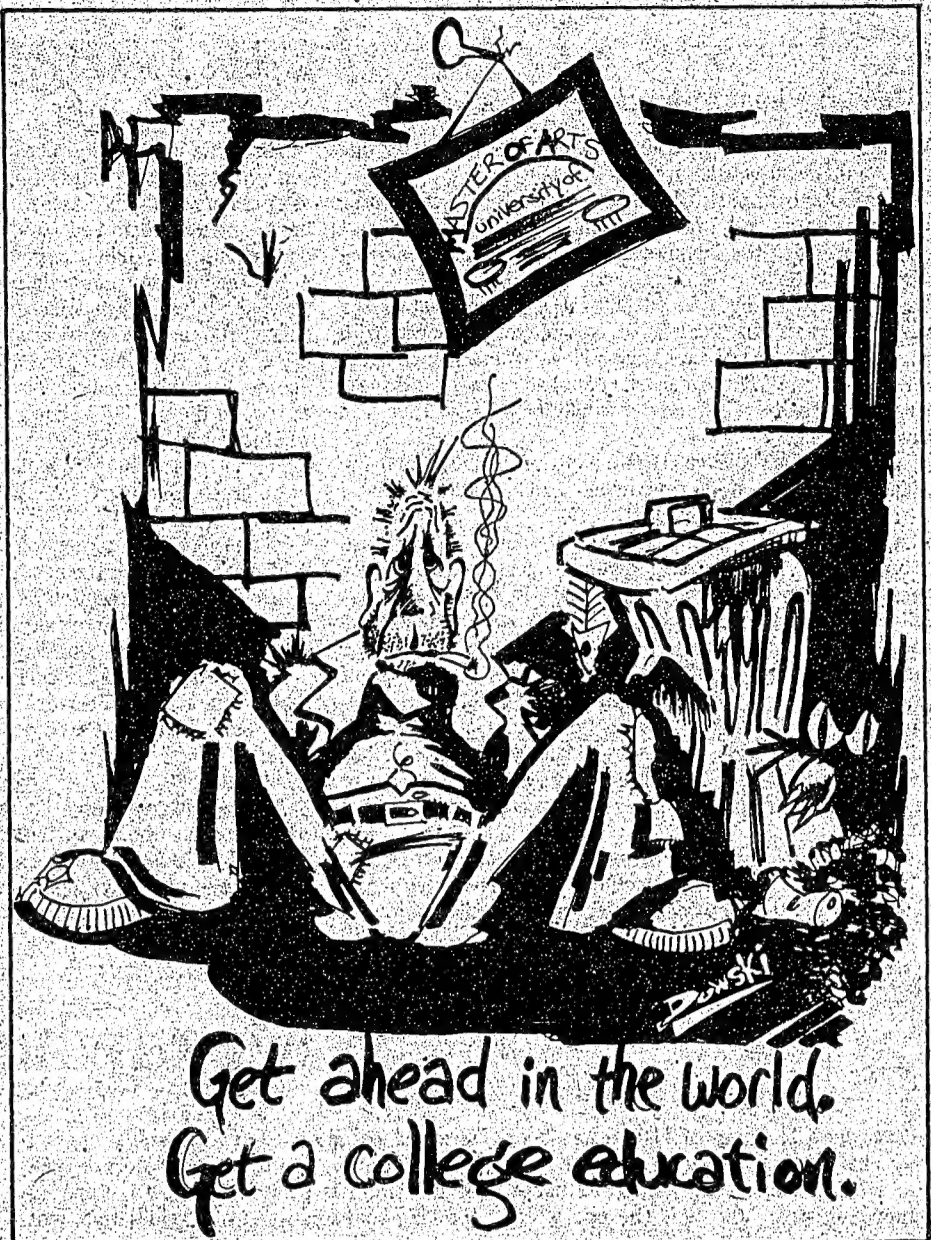
Although Gibson readily admits there are no sure-fire ways to act to assure yourself a job, there are certainly ways to improve yourself. "We can tell students what companies want in a resume, what students can do to improve their interviewing skills, how to dress and how to greet people."

Gibson said he encourages students to use the CPS as a supplement when job searching. The only thing he discourages students from doing is using employment agencies that require job-hunters to pay a percentage of your salary as a fee.

"It's all right to use employment agencies, but don't ever pay someone for looking for a job," Gibson said. "Make sure it's (the job fee) paid by the employer."

Even though UNO's Career Development Center was eliminated due to state funding cuts, counseling and testing facilities are still available through CPS, especially for freshmen and sophomores. Students can use these facilities to help them understand what career choices are open.

Gibson said one thing counseling does is help students put their desires into perspective.



"It's important for you to set some goals, short-term and long-term," said Gibson. "You'll never be able to accomplish them. But you might as well shoot for the moon — and then, be prepared to be realistic, too."

Letter writing tips may unlock closed employment doors

By MARICA GAWECKI

Did you make a New Year's resolution to "find a better job" — or simply "find a job"? The search often starts with a short letter. These letter-writing tips may help you keep that resolution.

Most people start by looking through the help-wanted section of the daily newspaper. However, the ads you see may be the last resort for the employer filling the position.

"Most of the best jobs are not advertised. They are filled by friends of the employer or friends of his employees," according to Richard Lathrop, author of *Who's Hiring Who*, a self-help book on job-hunting. "Only one in five jobs of the basic 2 million advertised every month in the U.S. are likely to be advertised in help-wanted columns or listed with employment agencies."

These statistics are not meant to discourage you. They simply are listed to squelch any idealistic notions you may have, while searching for a job in the classifieds. With the help of the right letter, you can at least get your foot in the door.

In order to save yourself embarrassment and your letter from being filed in the wastebasket, avoid beginning your letter with "Dear Box 125," "Dear Sir" or "Dear Madam."

You aren't writing to a box, but a person, and you stand a 50-50 chance of guessing the wrong sex. The best openings are neutral ones such as "Good Morning" or "Hello."

No matter what position you are applying for, it is best to keep your letter short. Imagine the poor soul who has to read hundreds of letters. Chances are that yours will be the 40th one read. The last thing an advertiser wants to read is a synopsis of your life story.

Cover three basic points in your letter:

1) **Qualifications.** List them from education to on-the-job experience in one paragraph.

2) **Stress profit.** Every company's main objective is making a profit. List any project or situation in your last job in which you have improved production or saved money.

3) **Ask for an interview.** Make it as easy as possible by including your phone number and the time of day you can best be reached. If you do not want to give your business number, include the number of a reliable friend to relay the message.

"It drives me crazy to try and track down an applicant," said Risa Bell of Zimmerman Marketing in Caroline A. Zimmerman's book, *How to Break Into the Media Professions*. "If an applicant isn't professional enough to have an an-

swering service, it tells me something about that person. And more than once, I've bypassed a qualified applicant because I couldn't reach him on the phone."

Another good device is to include a self-addressed stamped post card along with your letter. Include space for the interviewer to fill in the date, time location and signature. This makes a response easier because it's so convenient for the interviewer to drop the card in the mail.

Remember that your letter is a reflection of you. You want to project a favorable impression. UNO's Career Placement Service's letter-writing brochure suggests some tips: Type all letters on clean, white stationery. Do not use erasable bond because type tends to smear. Check and re-check for typographical errors. Ask a friend or relative to read your letter and offer suggestions on how to improve it.

Choose an envelope that stands apart from the rest. Most office supply stores have standard business size envelopes in soft pastel colors such as blue, gray, yellow or pink. If possible, your envelope should match your resume. Avoid bold colors such as red and purple — they look unprofessional.

Of course, a good letter won't guarantee you a job, but it may give you an edge over the competition.

Dateline London

Subway bustle a part of daily routine

London — Where are my manners? I realized that I've not yet introduced you to the ritual known as "the daily routine" in London.

Each morning starts fairly early. London subscribes to the "early to bed, early to rise" theory. This took a little getting used to, but after a few weeks and dozens of afternoon naps, I'm comfortable with the schedule. Since I try to wait until the last possible minute to get out of bed, I usually end up dashing about the flat to catch the next train.

I thought scrapping for a parking stall at UNO was difficult. Ha. It's nothing compared to fighting your way through the subways at rush hour. Now I know how those pigs feel when they get mashed into a farmer's truck to go to market.

Nobody talks much on the subway, which, incidentally, is called the Tube. Most com-

muters read the tabloids or books while waiting for their stop. I can honestly say I'm glad I won't be encountering a subway back home. It's quick, sure, but I'll take travelling above ground any time.

It is entertaining to walk through the station and see the different musicians playing; guitar cases wide open as passing commuters toss coins into them.

My favorite subway character is an elderly woman who sits in the same corner of the Nottinghill Gate tube stop every day. She has two huge dogs with her that lay partially on her lap, and I'm not sure if they're with her for protection or as a form of warmth from the windy bitterness that the subway-tunnels bring.

For 10 pence, this bedraggled woman will read your palm and tell you what the future holds. In a strange sort of way, she seems con-

tent with her lifestyle. She said she had been fortune telling for many years. I had to smile when I saw the white wolfhound with a note tied around its neck. On the note was scribbled: "Palmist 10p."

Even with the drawbacks of the Tube, I'd feel much safer on it than driving in London traffic. The average London driver has three hands: one to steer, one to shift gears and the third to honk the horn profusely. All cars come equipped with a set of blinders for drivers to shield out any view of on-coming pedestrians.

Much of the time, I choose to boycott both of the above-mentioned modes of transportation and hoof it. Grim realization has told me how much of a slave I've become to my car. As one of my British friends told me, "You bloody Americans... you'd as soon drive from one parking space to another rather than walk it!"

Y'know, I think he's right.

Once you get to where you're going, you'll find that, in general, the British aren't overly friendly. I'm not used to many of the conservative ways, and at times I think I have been a little too boisterous.

In department stores, many of the clerks are downright rude. I practically had to trip a sales girl to get assistance in the fitting rooms.

The street vendors selling produce and flowers are charming, as well as the news agents. There are news stands on every corner, each with a news board proclaiming the day's top story.

I think it's about time to take a stroll to Buckingham Palace to see the changing of the guard... again. Another day in the life of a typical American/British resident.

—LISA STANKUS

Student rigs computer to help his brother communicate

By BETTY DYHRBERG

Two years ago at age 20, life as Jonathon Driscoll knew it came to a screeching halt. The happy-go-lucky sophomore didn't care much about school at the time and dabbled at being a comedian at the Omaha Brewery. Suddenly, one fateful night changed his entire life.

John's younger brother was badly injured in a car accident that left him unable to talk or use his arms and legs. "The family split up after that," John said. "I guess they just couldn't handle it." But John and his mother rallied around 14-year-old Ken.

Today John is a senior at UNO majoring in electrical engineering. He also works part-time as a engineering clerk for OPPD. "I've come a long way" personally and emotionally "in the last two years," John said. "But now my life has a purpose."

After reading a magazine article on using personal computers to help rehabilitate handicapped kids and seeing a similar program on *Ripley's Believe It Or Not*, John got the idea to rig an Apple computer for his brother to use to communicate. "It had to be simple," Johns said, so by pushing one button, a "thought" Ken wanted to say (for example, "I need to go to the bathroom") would appear on the screen.

Not knowing where to begin, John sought advice from Bill Holmes, his engineering and technology advisor. Holmes encouraged John to try and build this kind of computer system. Last fall, John began to work.

Six months and \$7,000 later, John emerged with an Apple IIe computer system capable of doing the job. "Several people can give you ideas," John said, "but you're on your own to make it work. There is no commercial software package on the market



—Betty Dyhrberg

"I've come a long way in the last two years," said UNO engineering student Jonathon Driscoll. "But now my life has a purpose." He'd like to develop computers for the handicapped.

you can buy to plug into your computer and have it do this. I had to create it myself." Eventually he plans to rig the computer so his brother can use it to play games.

As far as his future goes, John said he wants "to be part of the leading edge" — to be in on the development of new ideas to help handicapped people use computers to enable them to function in the real world again. "I'd like to sell my services to others," John said. "I'd like to assemble Apple computers to fit each person's special needs. A lot of people go to work for the money, but not me — I want to be number one."

Yet through it all, John, a fast-thinking, easy-going guy with an effervescent personality said, "I'm working on my social life. I love to dance and have a good time. But no numbers on the bathroom wall stuff," he said. "I can't handle that." After vacationing in France seven years ago, John would love to go back. "I learned just enough French to get me into trouble."

In high school John went out for basketball and track. "I broke my arm playing basketball. From that point on, I never wanted to touch a basketball again."

"I used to do some road running last year, but my brother is my main concern right now," John said. "That really hampers my social life as a lot of people just don't understand. Ken has an attitude that will knock your socks off. He laughs at everything." John then added quietly, "Nothing hurts me more than to see a person in a wheel chair being neglected. I cried at *Mask*."

John hopes his life will be happy and inspirational. "Life is what you make it," he said. After all, "I wouldn't have this future if it weren't for my brother."

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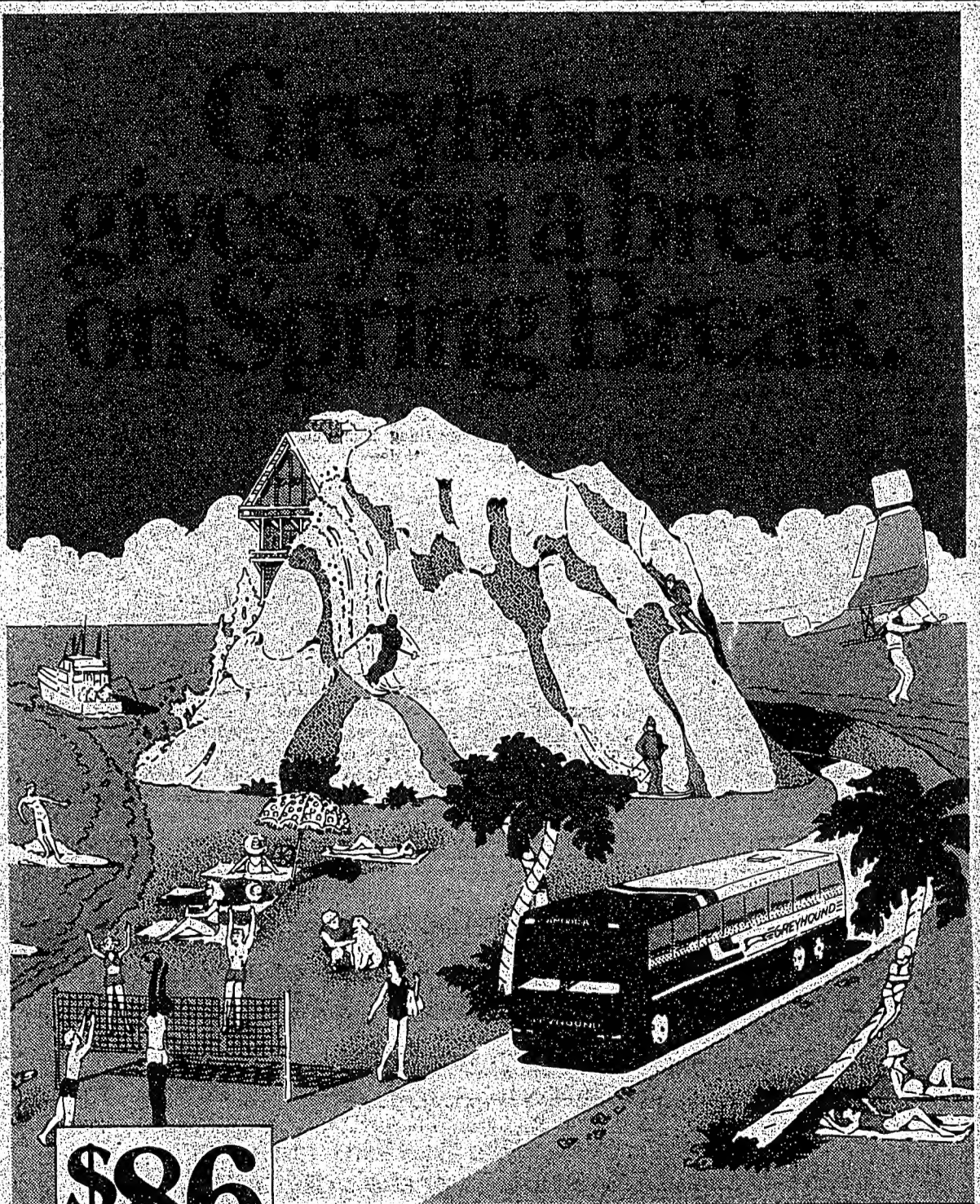
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Sports

Swim club hopes for varsity status

By KEVIN McANDREWS

The UNO swim club finished its season March 5 in a televised meet with Creighton University.

Cox Cable of Omaha filmed the meet from the swimming pool at Creighton's Kiewit Sports Center.

In the women's competition, UNO defeated Creighton, 61-27, and finished the season with an 8-2 record. The UNO men lost 59-18, giving them a 5-5 season record.

"We weren't as deep with the guys as we were with the women," said Paul Cerio, head coach of the club. "There were certain times when we didn't have as many as we could have."

"But that's the function of a club sport. It's a special interest group and academics for a lot of the kids comes first. So I didn't have any problem if they all didn't show up."

Cerio said although the club does not have varsity status, the team still competes in the North Central Conference (NCC). They participated in the NCC championship meet held in Grand Forks, N.D. Feb. 20-22, but their scores were not official. Cerio said he kept track of the club's score, and the team finished fifth out of seven, according to his count.

"All the kids we took up there met NCAA conditions for eligibility," said Cerio. He added this was part of the condition for letting UNO compete in the meet.

"The kids really did a good job. It's good to see them accomplish this at the end of the season because it shows that they have worked hard to attend the meet and do as well as they could."

John DuBay swam his personal best time at Grand Forks in the 200-, 100- and 50-yard freestyle, according to Cerio. Kathy Dormady also swam a personal best in the 100 individual medley.

Other standouts at the meet were Mary Leahy, who swam her personal best in the 100-yard breast stroke, and Tim Gouger, who won the diving competition, unofficially.

"Tim finished with the highest point total in diving," said Cerio. "He definitely was the class of the meet as far as men's diving was concerned."

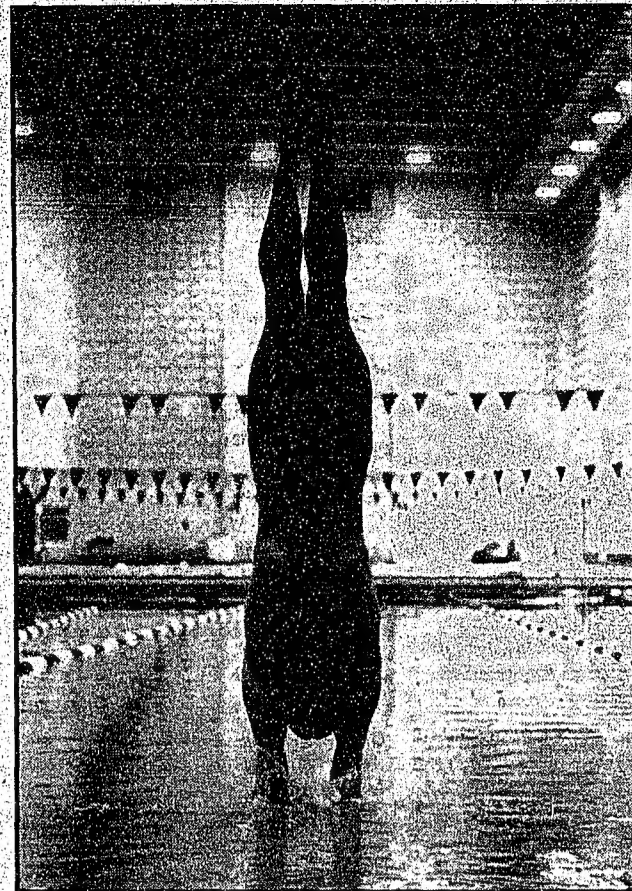
The quality of competitive swimmers who attend UNO is very high, said Cerio. The club is always able to compete with varsity teams in the NCC, even though UNO's athletic department does not support the club financially.

In the past, Don Leahy, former UNO athletic director and father of club member Mary Leahy, supported the team by enabling them to compete in the NCC Championship meet. Cerio said there was no problem with getting the NCC coaches to agree to UNO's participation in the annual championship, but Leahy's influence was needed to get the conference's athletic directors' OK.

"Don carried the ball and approached the athletic directors," said Cerio. "He was the liaison with the ADs. It was through his efforts that we were able to compete and so I know he was very supportive of the activity."

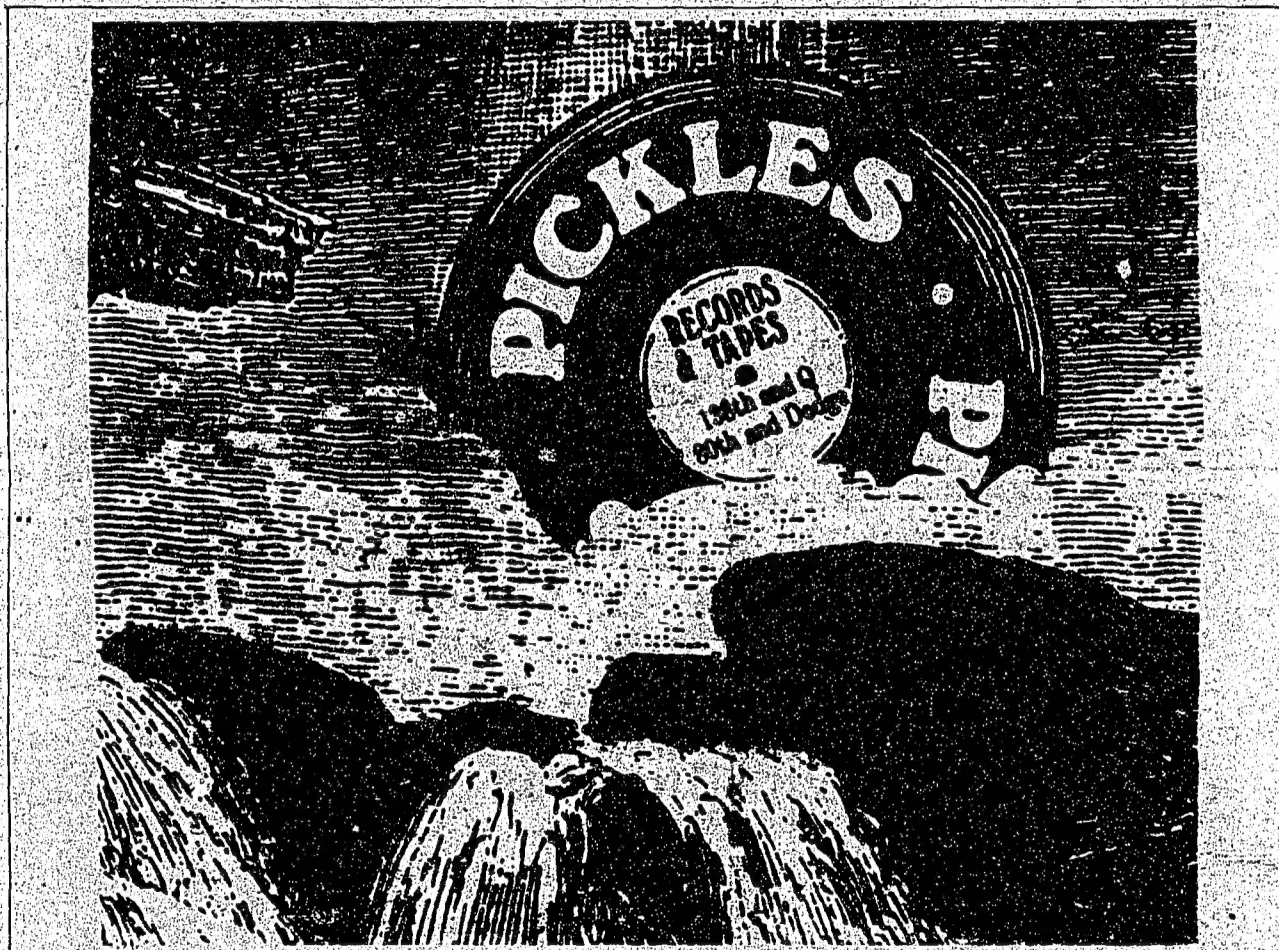
Cerio said he would like to see swimming become a varsity sport because he believes there are many talented swimmers

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—Kevin McAndrews

Swim club member Tim Gouger breaks the water from the high board in the pool at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building.



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UNO Cultural Events Calendar

Wednesday, March 12 Through Friday, April 4:

UNO art students present their original works
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Thursday, March 13:

SPO Special Event: Hypnotist Jim Wand
MBSC Ballroom at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, and Sunday, March 16:

Victoria Marks: choreographer/filmmaker
premiere performance with
UNO Moving Company
University Theater: Saturday at 8 p.m.;
Sunday at 4 p.m.

Monday, March 17:

Writer's Workshop: fiction writer
Rick DeMarinis
PAC room 105 at 8 p.m.

Monday, March 17, and Tuesday, March 18:

Spring Arts and Crafts Festival
MBSC Ballroom from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1:

The Lewitsky Dance Company
Lecture and demonstration in MBSC
Ballroom at noon

Wednesday, April 2:

Organ Recital: guest organist
Michael McCabe
PAC Recital Hall at noon

Wednesday, April 2:

Ivana Marburger Themmen: guest composer
Omaha Symphony Association
Lecture in PAC Recital Hall at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 6:

Paul Todd Violin Recital
PAC Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 13:

UNO Brass Ensemble Concert
PAC Recital Hall at 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 13:

New Music Ensemble Concert
PAC Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

The UNO Cultural Affairs Committee sponsors this calendar that appears monthly in the Gateway. Pertinent news items to be included should be sent to Terry Tobin, University Relations, Eppey 202, at least two weeks prior to the event.

Soccer playoffs start Wednesday

The intramural-soccer playoffs Wednesday night will begin to separate the men from the boys, or, better make that men from the boys and women from the girls.

The No. 2-seeded Celtics have one woman on their team who has scored three goals this season, and the No. 6 seeded Blue W.A.B. (sorry, can't divulge this secret acronym) has only two men on its mostly female squad.

Seven teams qualified for the playoffs with 500-or-better records: Liverpool, Celtics, Bad Boys, International All-Stars, Flangles, Blue W.A.B. and the Pikes.

The playoff schedule is posted in the lobby of the HPER Building. The first round will begin Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. The semi-finals and the final will be played Thursday night, also beginning at 8:15 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

The International All-Stars won the league last year, and they say they're the team to beat. Liverpool defeated the Stars in the first game of this season, but the Stars say they weren't warmed-up for that game. Undefeated Liverpool will be tough to beat even if the Stars are hot.



International All-Star player Nwanna Nwiyi, No. 31, gets ready to shoot at Sami Aldossary in the goal. The Bad Boys did not have enough players last Wednesday night, so some players from the Liverpool team volunteered to help out. The Bad Boys won in the unofficial game, 1-0.

—Kevin McAndrews

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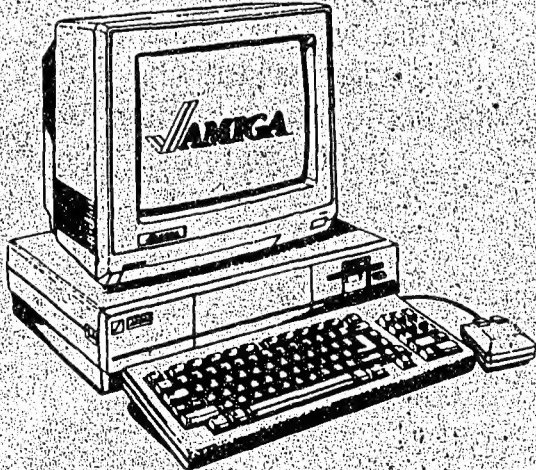
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Swimmers strong in Omaha area

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in the area and this would enable him to build a strong program. "I hope one of these years we can turn it around and become official at UNO," said Cerio. "I'm hoping in the near future we will be able to represent the university as an athletic team."

He said the club almost completely supports itself now because the major expense of any team is maintaining a pool, and the university already takes care of this expense.

"I don't think the cost would be all that great," said Cerio. "The kids have the ability to raise the funds needed to participate."

"If they knew they had to fund a program, we could do it." Cerio said he coaches voluntarily, and "with a little bit more involvement from the swimmers, we could do a pretty decent job."

Cerio stays in contact with high school swimmers in Omaha. He said many swimmers go to other universities rather than UNO because they want to compete in a varsity program.

He said he sees former Omaha swimmers at NCC meets. Not all of these swimmers are on scholarship, according to Cerio, and he believes some of the area's swimmers would attend UNO if it had swimming as a varsity sport.

Bobby Thompson, UNO athletic director, said there are no restrictions on the number of varsity sports UNO can have. He said the only restriction would be cost.

UNO currently has eight varsity programs, four men's and four women's sports, according to Thompson. He said UNO meets the minimum requirement of varsity teams a school must support to be eligible in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II.

Dwayne King makes the All-NCC squad

UNO basketball player Dwayne King added one more notch to his list of awards last week.

The senior from Chicago, Ill., made the All-North Central Conference (NCC) team, officials announced Thursday.

King played guard for the Mavericks, breaking the UNO and NCC career-assist records this season with 353.

St. Cloud State University's Kevin Catron was named the NCC's most valuable player. Catron averaged 24.3 points a game this season, and his 23 points-a-game career average is the third-highest in the NCC's history.

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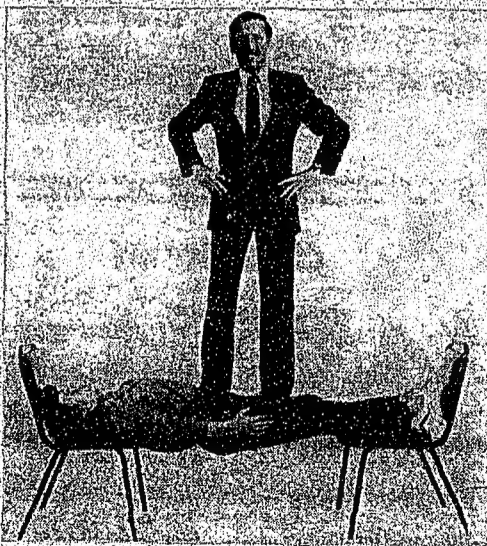
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